

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following rewritten paragraph.

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The large lid is solidly attached with a bolt and a nut through a packing to the container main body, one end side of a two-dimensionally seen hatch (small lid) is attached with a hinge to the large lid, and the other side thereof is made fixable to the large lid with a bolt with a handle. The hatch, after taking the bolt with a handle off the main body, can be opened and closed up and down with the hinge as an axis (See JP-A-2004-276118). (See patent literature 1). --

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following rewritten paragraph.

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The reason why the hatch is provided is to open the hatch to pre-heat the inside of the container with a gas burner. Another reason why the hatch is provided is to externally scoop oxide (called as slag) floating on the surface of the molten aluminum stored in the container. Specifically, the hatch is opened and a tool for scooping the slag is inserted to the inside of the container to scoop the slag from the surface of the molten aluminum and the slag is taken to the outside of the container.

[Patent Literature] JP-A-2004-276118--